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TEMPLE IN ENGLAND

The proposed erection of a temple in England is of marked importance to members of the Church in South Africa.

It has been President McKay's announced desire to bring temples within the reach of all Latter-day Saints, and the erection of this temple will be a partial fulfillment of his dreams. Admittedly, the temple is not on our back door-step, but its location will cut in half the distance and cost of previous temple excursions.

It is our duty as Latter-day Saints to go to the Temples of God, not only to do our own work, but also to do the work for the dead. The completion of this temple is envisioned in 1955, so that gives the members in this land two years to start their saving and preparation for a visit to the temple.

Negotiations for the purchase of a temple site in England have been underway for nearly a year. The deal was consummated earlier this year, but at the request of the owners of the property announcement of the purchase was withheld.

First public announcement of the location of the site purchased for the temple in England was made by the First Presidency in connection with its dedication.

Previous announcement had been made that a site was under consideration and that a temple would be erected in the British Isles.

The site purchased in England is a beautiful 32-acre baronial estate known as "New Chapel Hall." It is a most desirable property in the lovely country-side of County Surrey, 26 miles south of the centre of London. It is located about half way between London and Brighton. It is in the parish of Godstone, near the south-eastern boundary of County Surrey.

Nearby the property is the little hamlet of New Chapel which is named for the baronial hall.

The estate purchased by the Church includes several buildings, the most important being the big mansion, referred to as "The Hall." The property is bisected by the road from London to Felbridge and East

Grinstead. On the west of the road is the bulk of the estate including the "Hall," other buildings and the extensive and beautiful formal gardens. The "East Paddock," consisting of 10 acres, is on the east of the roadway across from the entrance to the estate.

The formal gardens are the most extensive part of the property and is where the temple building is to be located. Dr. Llewelyn R. McKay, head of the language department of the University of Utah, who accompanied his father and mother on the trip, had this to say concerning the temple location.

"Into the beautiful garden we went. The President's and the architect's eyes were alert for 'the' site. It was interesting to see how strongly the garden had already captured their hearts, how it had wooed and won them with its majestic serenity and beauty and how it wanted to dominate. And to a large degree it has succeeded.

"The garden is to be saved in all her virgin loveliness, to be a worthy handmaiden to the temple of the Lord, which in its own supreme glory is to dominate the grounds.

"Though the charming garden kept her attractions and her serenity calling attention, and the fair, tree-enclosed farm fields beckoned for consideration, the President and his aide finally decided upon an ample area near the small woods where, in spring time, an army of many thousand daffodils bivouac in golden splendour. Over the approach to the new entrance to this area the great, giant oak will be the sentinel. The lovely garden in all her majestic beauty will continue to spread her charms for everyone's delight and inspiration.

"A new dominant axis is established which will preserve all these values in their full beauty."

Beholding the beauty and splendour of the Temple and surrounding grounds, would be ample reward for efforts to visit the temple, but our purpose goes deeper than that. Let's prepare ourselves, and make it our goal, to visit the House of God.

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JAMBOREE SCOUTS — AT LARGE ON TEMPLE SQUARE.

—The total figure seems almost incredible, but it is true none-the less. Nearly 35,000 Boy Scouts, either on their way to the national Jamboree in southern California or on their way home from it, visited Temple Square this July.

This is more Boy Scouts, it is believed, to visit one single place than any other, with the exception, of course, of the Jamboree itself.

"Never," the guides who conducted the special Temple tours for the boys will tell you, "have we seen more polite or better disciplined boys."

**PRINCE BERNHARD
THANKS UTAHS FOR ASSISTANCE.** — Many Latter-day Saints, formerly residents of Holland or missionaries to that land, were among the Utah citizenry who received a letter of thanks from Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands this week.

The letter came from the Prince to the Dutch Vice Consul for the State of Utah, B. Van Dongen. It read:

"Dear Mr. Van Dongen,

"Will you be so kind as to convey to all who have contributed to the collection of an amount of \$17,830.92 which the National Disaster Fund has received from the Citizenry of the State of Utah, the most deepfelt and hearty thanks for their contribution.

"This expression of gratitude comes to the Citizens of the State of Utah, not only from her Majesty the Queen, but also

from me, as president of the Disaster Fund, and especially on behalf of all who sustained losses of human life and possessions.

"We are thankful not only for the money, which naturally is very welcome, but also for the evidence of real friendship and solidarity ensuing from this gift, by which we all have been deeply touched."

PAGEANTRY AT CUMORAH.

—Pageantry at the Hill Cumorah was once again a highlight of late summer Church activity.

As the final performance was concluded last Saturday night, Ontario, N.Y., authorities estimated that once again nearly 100,000 persons had witnessed the pageant. The final night's crowd was estimated at 50,000. More than 20,000 saw the performance on each of the preceding nights.

"America's Witness for Christ," a colourful presentation based on the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, has thrilled thousands each year for more than a decade. Participants again this year were missionaries of the Eastern States Mission. They were supplemented by students and a special chorus from the Brigham Young University of Provo, Utah.

Missionaries held special meetings in the nearby Sacred Grove, scene of the First Vision in which God, the Father, and His Son, Jesus Christ, appeared to the boy Joseph Smith. At the concluding sessions Sunday the missionaries, their friends, and other visitors were addressed by Elders Ezra Taft Benson and Henry D. Moyle of the Council of Twelve.

ELDER ALBERT E. BOWEN

FUNERAL SERVICES

With thousands of persons in attendance, funeral services for Elder Albert E. Bowen of the Council were held in the Tabernacle on July 18, 1953.

High tributes were paid to the life and achievement of Elder Bowen by four of his close associates: President David O. McKay, President J. Reuben Clark Jr., Elder Mark E. Petersen and Elder Richard L. Evans.

Excerpts from their addresses are as follows:

ELDER RICHARD L. EVANS—"His life in some ways would seem to be a sermon to a generation of young people who face serious uncertainties, and who are sometimes impatient with the delays of life. His was a late start. He began life in a log cabin, one of ten children. He was reared with frugality and hard work on the family farm, where life was sustained by what could be taken from the earth with long labour.

He was twenty years of age before he began his high school work; twenty-seven before he received his first college degree; married before he went on his mission; twenty-nine when he returned; a widower at thirty, with two infant sons. He was thirty-three before he started the study of law; thirty-six before he received his degree in jurisprudence, with highest honours, at the University of Chicago.

He was a princely, an uncommon man, whose success was made of sheer merit, hard work and devotion to the lasting values of life. He seldom did anything the easy way. He never did anything the shoddy way. So far as he was able and understood it, he did everything the right, the honourable, the just, and true way.

I do not know what he might have done differently if he had had life to live over, but I think he could not have lived it more faithfully or purposefully. He loved the Lord God and his fellow men, and honoured his noble father and mother, and served in truth the best of his ability, and brought high honour to himself, his family, his Church and people."

ELDER MARK E. PETERSEN: "There were many lessons I learned from Brother

Bowen. I would like to tell you just one of them. I was in trouble one time with a great problem that I was trying to solve, and as always, I went to him to seek help in its solution. He said, "What are the facts? Get me all the facts," and then he said the thing that still rings in my ears, "There is no substitute for facts."

Brother Bowen was so fair. He looked at both sides. He would never make up his mind by hearing only one side, and always he looked at a problem through the eyes of the other person. He was eminently fair. He had deep understanding. He desired so much to right the things that were wrong.

One thing that has been mentioned so often about Brother Bowen is the tremendous intellect he had, I had great respect for that intellect, but I found out that his heart was greater than his intellect.

How he liked the simple things! There was no pride, no ostentation, no show, about Brother Bowen, but he rose to great heights. He was awarded a doctor's degree in jurisprudence. Nobody ever thought of calling him Dr. Bowen. He would not even allow it. The one thing that he loved to be called was Brother Bowen. That has been mentioned by him several times."

PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.: "I want to catalogue a few of the things about him that I loved and admired. He was a man who sought the finer things of life, the cultural things. He loved music, he loved art, he loved literature. He was a master of English, and had a chaste eloquence that is rarely equalled. He moved and won his hearers.

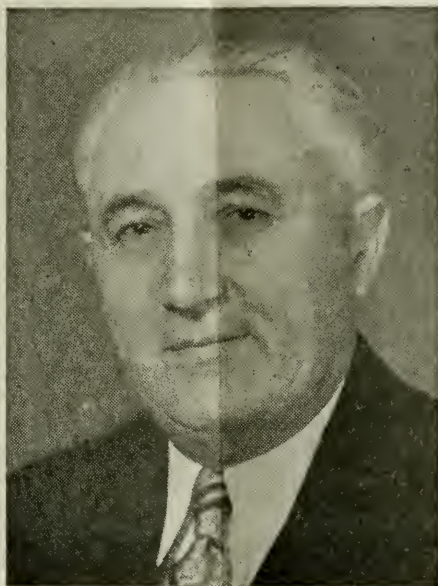
He loved learning. He constantly sought for further knowledge. He was not content with the ordinary, as Brother Petersen has pointed out. Loving knowledge, he loved truth, he sought it wherever it might be found.

He was a great patriot. He was misled by none for the modern nostrums. He thought straight there as he did everywhere else.

He loved the Gospel. It was life. He lived it as the Lord gave him the power to live.

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God Intervenes in Human Affairs



**By Alma Sonne (Assistant to the Council
of the Twelve)
Address given at the October, 1952
Conference.**

My brethren and sisters: I trust and I pray that the good spirit which has been present throughout these conference sessions may continue with us during the few moments I stand here. I am convinced that there is something greater than man's wisdom back of the great conference system, which was inaugurated by Joseph Smith, the Prophet in the early days of the Church. We have come here, you and I, to be refreshed and to be strengthened; to be edified and reassured in our faith. We have never gone away disappointed. The Lord has blessed his people abundantly, and will continue to bless them in the future. Who can estimate the influence and the spiritual power which emanate from these inspiring conference sessions?

We come here full of eagerness and anticipation; we listen to the sermons, to the fervent prayers, to the music and the songs of Zion, to the stirring hymns sung by the congregation and last but not least to the anthems and the renditions by our great choir. We are deeply touched and uplifted. Surely, it is good to belong to a Church that is progressive, farseeing, and inspirational in its programme—a programme that is calculated to prepare us as members for the eventualities which are sure to come.

We recognize and are aware of a similar power and influence emanating from the missionary system of the Church. Who can measure the influence of just one missionary who goes into the world to proclaim the gospel message? The missionary spirit which rests upon him, somehow or other, reaches out to the home from which he comes, to his relatives and friends and to all with whom he comes in contact. His

life becomes a great missionary force in the world.

The Latter-Day Saints believe in a God who is not only the Creator, but who is also the Ruler of the Universe. He intervenes in great crises when God's plan is in jeopardy and his divine purposes are threatened. I recall, as an example, an incident in the Civil War. It occurred when the Confederates brought out the strange battleship known as the "Merrimas." The people of the North were alarmed. The advisers of Lincoln became hysterical. Fear and apprehension took hold of the people. Many complaints came to President Lincoln. "They will shoot down the Capitol," they said. He replied, "God will not permit it. This is his fight." I am sure Lincoln prayed. I feel certain he trusted in God, for on one occasion he is reported to have said, "I have been driven to my knees with the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." Lincoln's prayer was answered, because on a beautiful morning, there appeared in the same waters opposite the nation's Capitol, another stranger battleship. It was John Ericson's "Monitor." The battle that ensued between these two ships was not unlike the battle between David and Goliath. The "Merrimas" was defeated as was the great giant, Goliath.

I recall, four years ago, driving through the ruined city of Dunkirk, the city which has become famous in world history, because it has suffered ruin and devastation so many times. As we drove through the city, I remember the road led us along a narrow canal. On the right of us lay the ruined city, almost entirely destroyed, on the left was the open country over which the German army approached. Three hundred and fifty thousand British soldiers lay with their back to the ocean behind improvised fortifications. It looked like annihilation, capture, or defeat for the British army; but at the crucial moment when Britain's soldiers needed help, the God of heaven intervened. What happened? At that moment, a dark, black mist settled down directly over the narrow canal. All visibility disappeared and military operations ceased. How long? Just long enough for Britain's soldiers to escape and make their way across the channel to English shores. I firmly believe that the Almighty can and does intervene in great crises for the benefit of his children,

especially when freedom and liberty are at stake.

Another incident is recorded in world history. It happened in the year 1588 when King Philip of Spain sent his "invincible armada" out to destroy the inferior British navy. The British navy was no match for the powerful Spanish fleet of one hundred and twenty ships, armed and equipped for battle. Once again the Almighty came to the rescue of the British. At the right moment a storm arose on the high seas, and the Spanish fleet was scattered. A few of them made their way into the French harbour of Calais, but were forced to leave. They were eventually overtaken and destroyed by the British. Thus the tyranny of Spain came to an end, and a new era in human history was begun. Do you question this intervention of God who presides over the destiny of nations?

When President Levi Edgar Young and Bishop Joseph L. Wirthlin referred to Christopher Columbus as the discoverer of the New World, I thought of him standing high on his little craft fighting and defying, not only the elements and the turbulent waves, but also the superstition and ignorance of his crew to discharge his God-appointed mission. It was no accident that he was permitted to reach the shores of San Salvador in the flimsy vessels he had at his disposal. He was right when he said he was "moved by the Holy Ghost" to achieve his ambition. And thus a new world, new opportunities, and new ideas were given to men to be developed and to be used for God's purposes. Neither can we doubt that Brigham Young, prophet, statesman, and colonizer, was similarly called and inspired in his great pioneer achievement. He and his people were protected in their migration. By every law of probability they should have perished in the desert. But they did not perish, for God's protection was upon them.

I pray that we may appreciate our membership in the Church and that we may be true and faithful to the standards by which we are guided. An investigator once said to me, "Your Church is the only Church on the face of the earth that advocates high standards and noble ideals." His conclusion, I hope, was not correct, but we must preserve the standards, the ideals, and the faith committed to us through Jesus Christ. May we do so I pray in His name. Amen.

THE GARDENER

By Brother Norman G. Muir.

What is a garden? When considering the word garden, immediately there flashes before our minds a mental picture of beauty. Each of us has in mind the "ideal" garden and always it's a thing of great beauty, pleasing to behold. I am sure that each one of us desires beauty above all else.

We are all gardeners, each has a garden to tend, to prepare and to cultivate, to plan, to design, to lay out. Each of us has a distinctive, separate and individual plan in mind regarding our own garden, and the plants and flowers we would like to have growing in it.

This garden under consideration is that of our spirit, our soul, our character, a garden to be tended, cultivated and beautified. Its beauty depends on the amount of time, labour, and care put into it. There are two important factors to be taken into account in the making of a garden. The first of these is the soil—soil is not just soil, but is millions of living organisms composed of organic, and inorganic matter. There are numerous different types of soil. Some soils are of an acid nature, others of an alkali. Also they vary in texture, from hard shale, to soft pliable loam full of vital elements and minerals necessary for healthy plant culture.

Secondly, there is the plant life. In the same way as we have different types of soil varying in nature, we have the same factors in plants. Certain plants thrive and grow better in soils they have natural affinities to. So in the preparation of our garden we need certain plots and seed beds, with different types of soils. All this needs study and wisdom and requires much time and thought, hard work and patience.

PREPARATION: While this preparation is going on over a period of time, as it will undoubtedly do during these days and months and years; we find that weeds spring up. Some are more noticeable than others and we pull them out promptly before they become established. Others less significant escape notice, and we might be a little indifferent about their presence, saying: "Oh I will remove them another

day when I am ready to plant that patch," and so they become firmly established and go to seed.

Let us consider some of the different characteristics of the different plant life, in particular the two forming our subject of discussion: The Weed and the Flower.

THE NATURE OF WEEDS: a. Strong, deep rooted. b. Quick growing. c. Hardy by nature. d. Persistent. e. ugly in appearance. f. Thorns, tendrils and suckers. g. Evil smelling parasites.

THE NATURE OF FLOWERS: a. Roots usually shallow set, spreading out into the rich nourishing top soil. b. Not so quick to grow as weeds. c. All are beautiful almost without exception. d. They are more delicate and die easily if neglected or disturbed.

Now having established in our minds the nature and characteristics of the weed and flower we are able to distinguish between them. One of the first weeds we find springing up in our garden is the little weed of DOUBT. It sneaks up almost unnoticed next to the lovely flower of FAITH, sending down its deep roots, undermining the flower of faith by taking nourishment from it before it becomes firmly established. The weed of doubt grows quickly, weakening this lovely flower, overshadowing it with its leaves of FEAR and SUSPICION and its branches of CRITICISM. So faith grows weak and dies.

The next weed is the weed of GRIEVANCE. This weed though feeble in appearance grows rapidly, also thrusting its roots deep down right next to the beautiful flower of APPRECIATION. This weed of generous foliage and growth entwines its strong tendrils of DISAPPOINTMENT and SELF-PITY round the fair flower APPRECIATION, strangling its very life sap and veiling its evil effects with its leaves of SELF-JUSTIFICATION and RESENTMENT, destroying our sense of JUSTICE and appreciation. Let's not allow this grievance weed to establish itself in our garden.

Next the weed of SELFSEEKING. Like most other weeds this deadly weed has its

long, strong roots established in childhood, wrong training and lack of discipline, causing a sense of frustration strengthened by a desire to compensate for misdirected parental affection. This weed of self-seeking is the arch enemy of the very beautiful flower of TRUTH with its constant, brilliant and unchanging colour. The roots of FALSEHOOD and EXAGGERATION entwine and intermingle with the firm roots of TRUTH and do their deadly work, gaining strength by a little trumpet-blowing and a feeling of self-importance. The weed flourishes in the limelight of activity and acquires an appetite for more as time goes by. Its ample leaves of SELF-SATISFACTION fold close about this flower of truth, destroying it. Truth then looks like a lie and a lie looks like the truth. But strange as it may seem, though it seeks to smother and hide with its leaves, people can see right through, because the leaves of this weed are transparent.

The weed of PROCRASTINATION is a fickle weed, as deadly as all its associates and has no good qualities. It is the deadly enemy of the flower of DUTY and, with shimmering leaves glistening and fluttering in the breezes of INDIFFERENCE and INDEPENDABILITY. It distracts attention from the superb beauty and stately character of this flower of duty, which standing unheeded and unattended ceases to grow, fades and withers, and eventually dies under the harsher and more severe blast winds of COMPROMISE.

Now the weed of HATE. This dangerous and destructive weed derives its strength from the presence of other weeds and flourishes in their company, without which it cannot grow. Its broad, thick, dark leaves of JEALOUSY AND MISTRUST blot out completely all the fine, strong qualities of the flower of LOVE, and with its deadly thorns of SPITE and SCANDAL poisons the once beautiful flower and slowly but surely changes LOVE to HATE. Thus we have the complete destruction of the whole garden over which this glorious and loveliest of all flowers holds sway like the strong, stately but, humble sunflower. It is always bright and assuring with face turned towards the sun, the giver of all life, filling the whole garden with serenity and contributing the finer hues and tints so necessary to the exquisite beauty of all the flowers.

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He had his testimony. He knew where he was going. He knew there were awaiting him on the other side loved ones who had gone before. He knew the mission of Jesus Christ, what that meant. He knew he was to be a participator in the blessings and the destiny which God had planned for us and which we have to work out through the Saviour and his Gospel.

We are blessed with his life. We still have the lessons which he taught us. He will still live with us in those teachings and in the example which he set."

PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY: "It is said that a truly educated man is one who sees clearly, imagines vividly, thinks independently, and wills nobly. Such an educated man was Elder Albert E. Bowen — a man of high principles, clean in thought and in act, upright, straightforward, always ready to defend the right and equally prompt to denounce the wrong, honest in his dealings with his fellowmen, a loyal friend, a progressive citizen of whom it can be truly said, "never once did the breath of scandal touch him." He is numbered among those who are a true asset to society and a protector of the liberties of our nation.

He was careful not only in building his own character, but in defending the reputation of others. There are men who arrogate to themselves a superior sense of justice, who are scrupulously honest in handling other men's money, but who are unscrupulous in handling other men's reputations. To gain personal preferment, they will not hesitate to cast reflection upon another's good name. To stain thus the reputation of an upright man is in some cases a crime, second only to the taking of life. Elder Bowen kept himself above scandal and in that virtue followed the idea:

"Nay speak no ill

A kindly word can never leave a sting behind

And, Oh, to breathe each tale we've heard,

Is far beneath a noble mind."

Elder Bowen was a gentleman, "open, loyal, of humane and affable demeanour, generous himself, and in his judgment of others; faithful to his word as to law, and faithful alike to God and to man."

SOME PRINCIPLES OF SUCCESS

By Elder Mark E. Petersen

"Success comes only in straight lines. Set your goal. Proceed toward it. Your path will require study and an understanding and application of correct principles."

Such was the advice given 154 summer graduates at Brigham Young University, at commencement exercises by Elder Mark E. Petersen, of the Council of the Twelve.

The correct principles to which he referred included the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule which he listed and analyzed with the promise that strength would come to all who adhered to those high principles.

"Success will permit no tangents, no running off to one side or the other," Elder Petersen declared. "You cannot divert a stream into many other channels and bring water to your crops.

"You must avoid carrying with you on that straight journey irrelevant things which will weigh you down and keep you from properly carrying the required load. You cannot get so broad-minded that you destroy your standards. If you get too broad, you will not get through the 'narrow gate.'

"You must discard the things which will trip you up. The path is so narrow that if you fall, you might fall off it altogether, and may never reach your goal.

"Hold to your purpose," he admonished. "The shortest distance between two given points is still a straight line. Be among the few who know enough and are wise enough to follow the course.

"Avoid the pitfalls and tangents and pass through the narrow gates," he urged his listeners.

Elder Petersen decried the attitude of the many who "almost" succeed: those who "set out in life with a high heart but drift along with the current." He described them as the ones who become interested only in the "side shows" of life but fail to get into the "big tent."

"You can count them among your own walks of life. They are the people who think that 'almost good enough' will get



them by. They never pay the full price of friends," he said. "You meet them in all success. They go only part way. They say that they will take a chance, hoping to get a lucky break."

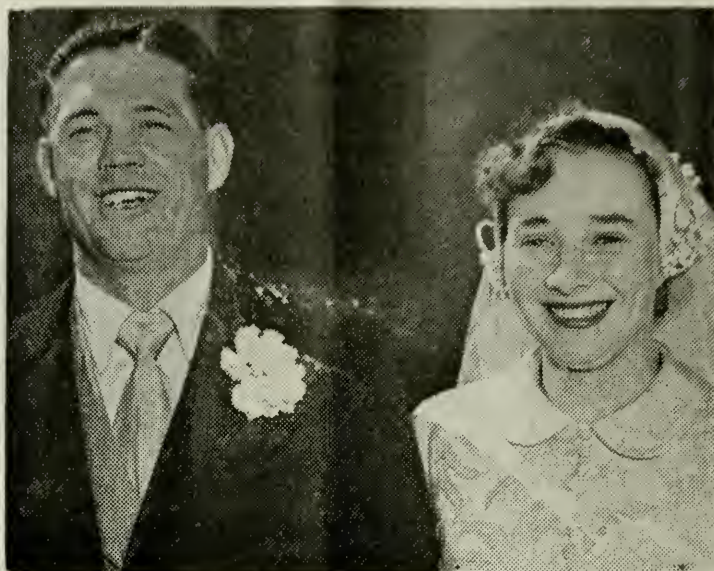
Graduates were told that they must make up their minds whether they would elect to reach the success they deserved by paying the price it exacts.

"We are living in a peculiar time. Many circumstances affect our lives, circumstances over which we have no control," Elder Petersen pointed out. "World conditions—national events have reached a point where they affect your intimate lives. They may determine the kind of employment you enter. They may help to determine where you will live and how much money you will make.

"What will you do under all these conditions," he queried. "Will you just drift along with the crowd and let circumstances push you around . . . or will you still control the rudder of your own ship and steer your own course, turning circumstances into stepping stones for the attainment of your planned objectives?

"You have a choice to make," the speaker emphasized, "Your choice can make you weak or it can make you strong. If you choose that which makes you strong, you also will strengthen those about you and you will contribute to the vitality of the nation. But if you choose weakening things, you will reap the harvest of a weakening. You will contribute to the weakness of others as well as yourself, and you will add to the weakness of the nation."

Wedding



ANDY AND IMELDA

Even the weather-bureau had to be kind to our latest bridal couple, Brother Andy Fourie and Sister Imelda Williams, who were married on the 12th September. The ceremony was performed at the Chapel by President Duncan. The bride, who wore ivory brocade and orange-blossoms, was given away by Brother Thomas Wilson. Sister Helene van Schalkwyk made a charming bridesmaid, and the duties of best man were carried out by Brother James Vigas. During the signing of the

register, the bridegroom's aunt, Mrs. Ester-huizen, rendered the solo, "God Bless You." Brother Sam Rayner was at the organ. The reception was held at the Masonic Hall at Newlands, where many friends gathered to wish the happy couple a splendid wedded life. During the reception songs were sung by Sister Nelly Geldenhuys, Sister Signe Smith and Elder Donald M. Cole. We ask the Lord's blessing on this union of two South African Latter-day Saints. —By Sister Beatrice Smith.

STATISTICS—

BLESSINGS

VERONICA DENISE SCHUBACH, daughter of Graham and Elizabeth Erasmus Schubach, was blessed on the 30th August, 1953 by Elder LaDell R. Bullock at Durban, Natal.

CHERRYL DAWN VICE, daughter of Deryck and Martha Potgieter Vice, was blessed on the 13th September, 1953 by Deryck Vernon Vice at Krugersdorp.

BAPTISMS

CATHERINA ELIZABETH (OLIVIER) BAKKER, was baptised on the 30th August, 1953 by Elder LaDell R. Bullock and confirmed on the 6th September, 1953 by Elder Lowell D. Wood, at Durban.

JULIANA BAKKER, daughter of Cornelius and Catherina Olivier Bakker, was baptised on the 30th August, 1953 by Elder O. Gordon Lyman and confirmed on the 6th September by Elder Byron Y. Low at Durban.

ESTHER JUNE MINNAAR, was baptised on the 6th September, 1953 and confirmed on the

same day by Elder Wayne Jay Mendenhall at East London.

RITA HELENA (ANDRÉ) CORRIGAN was baptised and confirmed on the 6th September, 1953 by Elder Wayne Jay Mendenhall at East London.

ALFRED JAMES CORRIGAN was baptised and confirmed on the 6th September, 1953 by Elder Elwood Vest Eddy at East London.

STELLA MARY (WRIGHT) SCHEIDEL was baptised and confirmed on the 6th September, 1953 by Elder Elwood Vest Eddy at East London.

HENRY ALFRED FROST was baptised on the 20th September, 1953 by Elder Jack E. Dahl and confirmed on the same day by Elder Donald D. Salmon at Cumorah, Cape.

TRANSFERS

ELDER ALLAN LEMOYNE CALDWELL was transferred from Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia to East London, Cape Province, on September 5th, 1953 to labour with Elder Wayne J. Mendenhall.

ELDER CHARLES E. MERCER was transferred from the Transvaal District to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, on September 5th, 1953 to labour with Elder Joseph E. Koeven.

ELDER ELWOOD V. EDDY was transferred from East London, Cape Province, to the Transvaal District, on September 8th, 1953 to labour with Elder Kenneth A. Sherman.

ELDER GRANT E. OLSON was transferred from Bloemfontein, O.F.S. to Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, on September 8th, 1953 to labour with Elder Dale L. Prince.

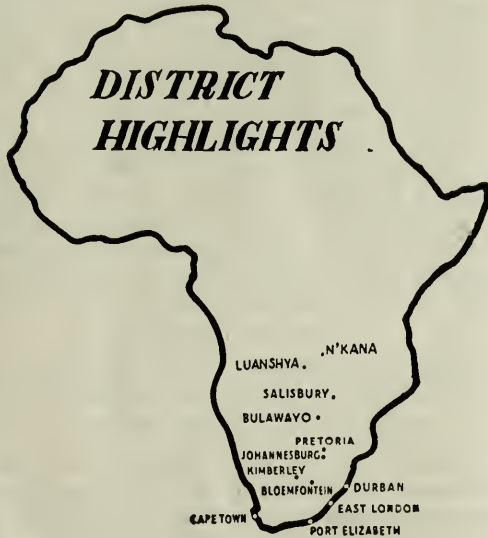
ELDER MERRILL B. HANSEN was transferred from Northern Rhodesia to the Transvaal District, on September 10th, 1953 to labour with Elder Thomas E. Smith.

ELDER THOMAS E. SMITH was transferred from Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia to the Transvaal District, on September 10th, 1953, to labour with Elder Merrill B. Hansen.

ELDER RICHARD D. SAMPSON was transferred from the Transvaal District to Northern Rhodesia, on September 15th, 1953 to labour with Elder Charles M. Sessions.

APPOINTMENTS

ELDER ORVAL J. BIRKS was appointed Supervising Elder, Branch and District President of the Bloemfontein Branch and District on September 8th, 1953.



DURBAN BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Lowell D. Wood,
21 Bulwer Road, Durban, Natal.

Reported by Joyce Wahlburn.

We have another baby boy in the Branch. He arrived on the 6th September—his name, Victor Lowell Henning, son of Brother and Sister Vick Henning.

Sister N. Fagan, Snr., went in to the Addington Hospital this month to undergo an operation, and we are happy to say that

ARRIVALS

ELDER LORIN C. GODFREY and **ELDER EARL J. HUTCHINS Jr.**, arrived aboard the "Edinburgh Castle" on September 24th, 1953. Elder Godfrey comes from Cardston, Alberta, Canada, and Elder Hutchins from 323, 4th D. Street, Rupert, Idaho, U.S.A.

Elder Godfrey has been assigned to labour in East London with Elder A. Lemoyne Caldwell. Elder Hutchins has been assigned to labour in Port Elizabeth with Elder Gerald W. Weinheimer.

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Let us look carefully into our **CHARACTER GARDEN**. These weeds may be "growing." Let us eradicate them promptly once and for all. Some may be too firmly established for us to remove alone. We need the help and friendship of each other to do it. Let's be good gardeners.

Our gardens will then become the flowers in the great garden of the gospel plan of life and salvation for which they are intended.

it was a success and she is now convalescing at home.

Measles have come to the Duncan family in a big way. We certainly miss them, and hope they will soon be with us again.

We would like to convey to Brother Willie van Rooyen our sincerest sympathy on the death of his wife, Yvonne, who passed away in the Addington Hospital on the 15th September after a long illness. It is our prayer that God will comfort him and strengthen him in this hour of need.

The Sacrament Service conducted by the Relief Society on the 6th September was a most enjoyable one. It was under the direction of Sister Jean Marchand and those who took part were Sister Lavinia Bosse, Sister Leonora Newell and Sister Joyce Wahlburn.

On the 27th August the infant daughter of Brother and Sister Graham Schubach was blessed, and given the name of Veronica Denise.

M.I.A. Social event of the month was held on the 7th September. They began with softball at Berea Park in the afternoon and in the evening a hilarious progressive dinner was held.

In a beautiful natural pool at Tiger Rocks on the South Coast, a baptismal service was held on the 27th August. Those baptised were Sister Bakker and her daughter Juliana. We extend the hand of fellowship to these fine sisters.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

Branch President: Nicolaas Goosen,
"Zerin," Van Niekerk St., Kingston Estate.

Reported by Nicolaas Goosen.

We were pleased to welcome Brother Edwin J. Jakins who arrived back from his visit to the Eastern Province and Transvaal in good health.

On the evening of September 6th the Relief Society Sisters took charge of the service.

Settlers' Day brought together the members of the Bellville Branch and Mowbray M.I.A. During the morning we enjoyed a picnic on Brother Eric Jakins' farm and the afternoon was spent at Swartkip beach.

Congratulations to Sister Cynthia Spangenberg and her husband, Mr. John Spangenberg, on the birth of a fine son.

President Duncan again visited our small branch on the evening of September 20th, when he spoke to us and inspired us. During the past month we also were privileged to enjoy the association of Brother Pieter van Rhyn of the District Presidency and Brother Sam Rayner who has been a speaker at some of our meetings.

RAMAH BRANCH

Branch President: Norman G. Muir,
119 Kitchener Ave., Bez Valley, Jhb.

Reported by Mary Millan Stark.

The Sacrament Service on the first Sunday of this month was ably conducted by the Relief Society when a programme with the theme "Happiness through Service" was presented. The Choir rendered the song "Thanks be to God" most inspiringly, a Choral Group spoke, Sister Lily Wood gave an excellent talk, Sister M. Wallace sang "The Holy City" with deep feeling and Sister Wagner, the President, gave an outline of the work of the Relief Society.

The Relief Society again increased funds by holding a Cake Sale in Parkhurst when Sister Wagner and Sister Seeman acted as very competent saleswomen.

Again we had to say Cheerio to one of our members when Brother Billie Wood left us to journey to Britain first for a month's holiday and then on to Salt Lake City where he will join his father. Billie has been an active, sincere and humble worker in the Church since his baptism and was recently advanced in the Priesthood to become a Teacher at the same time that his brother, Eric, was ordained a Deacon. We all wish him happiness and success in this new venture.

Congratulations to Denise Osborne and Hugh Cunningham who have announced their engagement!

The Sunday School Superintendency now includes Brother Kenneth Sutherland as a Counsellor and as Ken is one of Ramah's good old stalwarts we know that the Sunday School will benefit from his keen enthusiasm.

Elder M. J. Clarke has now joined the ranks of the "good old elders" because he recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. His stay in the Princess Nursing Home was not short enough for him, but we happy to report that he is now convalescing.

Sister Kitty Smith has also been among those who have been ill and is slowly recovering. Brother Bob Stark has also been under doctor's care but in self-defence (we think) against an invalid's diet he has returned to work.

Happiness for her sake and sorrow because she will not be returning soon have been the mixed feelings of the Branch on hearing of the engagement of Sister Yvonne Matthews to Ronald Clark, who was recently a missionary here. This young couple plan to be married soon and will make their home in Canada.

Great Elation is felt by all the members of Ramah at the announcement by the Branch President, Brother Norman Muir, that the Branch has been given permission to proceed with the building of the new Chapel in Highlands. We'll be catching up with you yet, Springs Branch.

N'KANA NEWS

Supervising Elder: Elder Kenneth Lee,
51 Princess St., N'Kana, N.R.

Reported by Arlene Morris.

August was rather a quiet month for N'Kana members, although an important event was held on the 16th when Michele, the daughter of Sister Hearn was blessed into the church by Elder Merrill Hansen. We do pray that the Lord will guide and protect her through life.

During the first week in September we were happy to welcome President and Sister Duncan to N'Kana.

Members of the Church from N'Kana were happy to attend District Conference at Luanshya on Sunday, September 6th. Both sessions were enjoyed by all attending, and the talks given were truly an inspiration. In the evening, after the second session, we were sorry to have to bid good-

bye to President and Sister Duncan, and we hope that they will soon visit us again.

Another farewell had to be said Monday evening when Elder Merrill Hansen left his Rhodesian friends, to labour in Johannesburg. We pray that the Lord will bless him and that he will be a great help in his new field.

Sister Hearn was ill in the hospital but now that she is home again we all pray that she will soon be up and about and wearing her usual happy smile

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Branch President: Clarence Doller,
18 Caithness Rd., Walmer, P.E.

Reported by Madge McHugh.

Elder Weinheimer has arrived in Port Elizabeth and we hope he will enjoy his labours here.

The Sunday School held a fancy dress dance awhile back, and it was very well attended. Doreen Warren took 1st prize in the Women's Section dressed as a little girl complete with doll, and Brother Vincent Doller, in the Men's Section, dressed as a woman. There were several novelty dances, which everybody enjoyed. Brother Reg and Sister Barbara McHugh took the prize in the Orange Dance.

The uniting of Sister Olive Scheckle and Brother Pat Everton took place on Thursday afternoon. We heartily congratulate these two and wish them every happiness in the future. A reception was held in the evening and all relatives and friends turned up to celebrate.

Our Relief Society has started up again, and the Sisters are meeting every Thursday afternoon. Great interest and enthusiasm is being shown by the Sisters and several visitors have been attending.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

Branch President: Douglas E. Charsley,
130 "E" Avenue, Luanshya.

Reported by Jeanne Charsley.

The highlight of the month was the visit of President and Sister Duncan to the branch. The two sessions of conference were enjoyed by all present. We really appreciate their presence here considering the long distance they have to travel to be with us.

The Primary Association sponsored a successful "Braai-veils" and Social on the 5th September. After enjoying the "braai-veils," games were played and sweets were sold. The six primary children enter-

tained the audience with dances, poems and songs of a good standard for half an hour, after which refreshments and a sing-song closed a pleasant evening.

We were very sorry to bid Elder Hansen adieu. Our prayers and good wishes will go with him always.

In spite of a sad depletion in numbers the Relief Society programme was successfully produced by our few Sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil. Munch and Brother Douglas E. Charsley left suddenly for Port Elizabeth when news came that Phil's father was seriously ill. We have since heard that he is improving, but we miss these regular attenders to our meetings.

Both Beauford and Douglas Charsley, Jr., have been on the sick list during the month, but were healed by administration of the Elders.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Wayne J. Mendenhall, 4, Baynes Street, Berea, E.L.

Reported by Mona McCallum.

On September 6th, a never-to-be-forgotten day, Brother and Sister A. J. Corrigan, Sister M. Scheidel and E. June Minnaar entered the waters of baptism in compliance with the laws and ordinances of the Gospel. We are happy to welcome these fine people into God's fold, and pray the Lord's richest blessings will be on their heads.

The Relief Society Sisters took over the Evening Service on the first Sunday in September. All those who participated did exceptionally well and we would like to make special mention of the talk given by Sister R. McGill, which gave the Society a good boost.

Vernon Jubber celebrated his fourth birthday this month and members and friends were entertained to a real "Mother Goose" Party. His aunt, Beryl Schoekel, celebrated her birthday on the same night and members and friends spent happy time together, playing games and enjoying the lavish spread provided by Sister Elaine. Needless to say Elder E. V. Eddy was the life of the party, which was specially held prior to his departure from East London for Johannesburg.

Welcome to Elder A. L. Caldwell who has joined us. We are happy to have your smiling face with us and we hope your labours in this Branch will be fruitful.

We were very happy to hear that Sisters R. and J. McGill were allowed to bring

their father home from the hospital this month, and we hope that he will enjoy good health for some time to come.

Elder Wayne J. Mendenhall came to our Branch at the beginning of the year on the last lap of his mission. He was sometimes referred to as a "slave-driver," but this is a debatable subject. He certainly had the Spirit of the Lord with him and attacked the problems of the Branch with a prayerful and humble attitude. His labours in East London were most fruitful and the Branch has been given a new lease in life, through this fine Elder's unselfish efforts.

It is with deep feelings of regret that we bid this Elder "Totsiens" as he is leaving us at the end of September, but we would like to take this opportunity of wishing him Bon Voyage and Happy Landing.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Branch President: Reaford Futter,
65, 8th Street, Newtownship, Springs.

Reported by Mavis Louw.

This has been a momentous month for the Springs Branch. First of all the Sunday School organised a Games, Braaivleis, and Bioscope afternoon and evening. The largest group of people to assemble at any function in the Springs Branch, 104 being present, thoroughly enjoyed every event on the list.

On Saturday, September 5th, the members of the Springs Branch had their long long dream come to a reality. At about 2.15 p.m. the folks started gathering around the pegs where the contractor had laid out the site for our Chapel. At 2.30 Branch President Reaford Futter called us to order and we sang "Come, Come Ye Saints." Brother George Ganter, Snr., then gave a short review of the History of the Springs Branch, dating back some 20 years. District President I. C. Louw who was one of the foundation members of the Branch back in 1934 then cut the first sod, he was followed by our Branch President. It was a solemn moment for us all. We were very happy to see Bro. Johan Brummer of the District Presidency and Elder Michael J. Clark (Snr.), Supervising Missionary, amongst the gathering.

Elder George Everton then gave the dedicatory prayer after we sang "We Thank Thee O God For A Prophet."

Everyone goes down to the plot at least once a week to see what progress has been made.

A very fine programme was rendered by

the Relief Society sisters of the branch on the 6th September. Sister Peggy again excelled with a very fine talk.

It's a pity that more couldn't attend the fire-side chat on Sunday, the 13th, at the home of mom and pop Futter. Wing Commander Lewis, D.F.C., D.S.O., Croix de Guerre, who recently joined the Church, gave a very interesting talk on his experiences during the last world conflict. We regret that Brother and Sister Lewis will not be making their home in Springs as we feel that they would be a real asset to the branch. We wish them joy and success in their future ventures, wherever it may take them.

We are happy to see the Charlton children, Trevor and Denise, around again after their bout with measles. We are pleased that Genevieve Futter has responded so well after her treatment in hospital. We give thanks to the Lord for His love and mercy that we as a branch enjoy.

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Orvan J. Birks,
25 Orange Street, Bloemfontein.

Reported by Barbara Wrench.

A Rummage Sale for the benefit of Branch and Relief Society funds was held at the beginning of the month and quite a nice sum was raised. When there's a Rummage Sale coming off in this branch, most of the men hide their favourite suits until it's all over, other wise they have a peculiar habit of turning up on the stall!

Thursday the 3rd saw all the Sisters busy baking for the Relief Society Cake stall held on the 4th. About £16 was raised. Nice work Relief Society.

A Social was held by the Relief Society on the 8th to which the whole Branch was invited. This social had a three-fold purpose—to welcome Elder Birks to Bloemfontein, to bid farewell to Elder Grant Olson, and to honour Brother van Rooyen on his 72nd birthday.

The Branch was deeply shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Yvonne van Rooyen on the 15th September, at Durban. Our deepest sympathy goes to Brother Willie van Rooyen and Brother and Sister Henry van Rooyen in their great sorrow.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Branch President: Lionel Bibb,
282, Preller Street, Muckleneuk.

Reported by Sheila Bibb.

We are very glad to welcome Brother and Sister Hans Rohde to Pretoria. We

know they will be a great asset to the branch.

Two new arrivals to the branch are Oliver Michael Powell, son of Sonnie and Douglas Powell and Carline Clarissa Osman, daughter of Dweenie and Ernest Osman.

A tickety evening was held at the home of Brother and Sister Cowdrey on the 12th September. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We are happy to welcome Sorene, wife of Willie Sanders, who was baptized at Ramah on the 20th September.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Joseph E. Koeven,
4 Bains Ave., Salisbury.

Reported by Elder Joseph E. Koeven.

The month of September began with an exceptionally cold day. This day was made especially noteworthy due to the arrival of President and Sister Duncan. The members of the Branch were indeed happy to welcome President and Sister Duncan and hope that they can soon find time to visit us again.

Those who attended our District Conference on the evening of September 1st were indeed gratified by the fine talk given by Brother Neale, and the inspiring words of encouragement delivered by President Duncan and Sister Duncan.

In just over a month we have said good-bye regretfully to Elder Salmon and Elder Caldwell. We hope Elder Salmon is appreciated as much in Cape Town as he was here. We also became attached to Elder Caldwell and we hope he enjoyed what he saw as he passed through.

Salisbury Branch welcomes Elder Mercer in our midst. May the Lord bless him in his labours in this District.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Branch President: Daniel A. Cherrett,
14, Serpentine, Pinelands.

Reported by Beatrice E. Smith.

A concert was held on the 28th August in aid of M.I.A. funds, and all our friends turned out to see what we could do. Of course, there were the usual last minute "jitters," but with Elder Dahl as our com-père, we were able to get started on time. The plays, skits and musical numbers were received with enthusiasm; and the M.I.A. funds were increased by an amount of over seven pounds. To all those who took part, we owe a debt of gratitude for a merry evening's entertainment.

We are sorry to report that Gwendolen Seager-Smith has been ill, and that Diane and Donnaline Dallender have the whooping-cough.

Our Fireside Chat on the 30th August took the form of a debate on whether South African Latter-day Saints should remain in the Mission field or emigrate to Zion. The verdict was that Saints should remain in this land.

Brother Martin Rayner has been suffering from a severe attack of influenza, but he is now fully recovered.

On the evening of the 11th, the M.I.A. had a "Kitchen Shower" for Brother Andy Fourie and Sister Imelda Williams. Quite a large group gathered in the Relief Society Hall on this occasion to join the bridegroom and the bride-elect in this party. These young people should be well set-up with kitchen utensils for many a long day.

The baseball section held a successful square-dance on the 11th. There is quite a keen interest being taken in sports sections of the Church these days. Our Basketball Team has done very well during the season, and we hope that the baseball boys are going to carry a lot before them during the summer months.

Another little Latter-day Saint has arrived at the home of Brother and Sister Thietz, who have just recently been blessed with the birth of their third little daughter.

We were very glad to meet Brother and Sister Frost of Bulawayo, and their little daughter, Beverley Anne. It was particularly thrilling to us as Brother Frost was baptized during his short stay in Cape Town.

The baptismal service on the 20th was really a fine one. We welcomed as members (in addition to Brother Frost) Joyce Jakins and Delene Butt, and Eugene and James Raggerty. It was a most inspiring service, and the talks by Elders Dahl and Cole added much to the spirit of the meeting.

On the same evening, we had the Relief Society's Sunday Programme in the Chapel. We are grateful to Sister Frances Butt for her tasteful floral arrangement. The Relief Society Choir sang "Let the Mountains Shout for Joy" and "Thanks be to God." There was a reading by a group of Sisters, and "The Invitation to Happiness" was read by Miss Jill Welch. Sister May Rayner was the principal speaker.

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TO-DAY

I will start to-day serenely
 With a true and noble aim;
 I will give unselfish service
 To enrich another's name.
 I will speak a word of courage
 To a soul enslaved by fear;
 I will dissipate drab discord
 With the sunshine of good cheer.
 I will be sincere and humble
 In the work I have to do;
 I will praise instead of censure,
 And see the good in you.
 I will keep my mind and body
 Sound and flexible and pure;
 I will give my time and study
 To the things that long endure.
 I will do what I am able
 To advance a worthy cause;
 I will strive to lessen evil
 And obey God's righteous laws.
 I will pray to him to guide me
 In the straight and narrow way,
 I will shun false pride and folly;
 I will live my best to-day.

THE BEST OF ALL

By D. A. Watling.

Can courage stand the change of passing
 years,
 The ceaseless cycle of destruction, toil, and
 tears,
 Of Promises, demands, and hopes of com-
 promise?
 Can we have faith in unseen diety and still
 be wise?
 Must we abandon toleration in this fleeting
 world of strife,
 Is all beyond the reasoning of God-given
 precious life?
 Or is love's glimmer waiting for a chance to
 shine
 When patience once more becomes man's
 symbolic sign?
 Has charity forsaken we who knew her
 best,
 And have her worthy patrons all been put
 to rest,
 Or is there beneath the rugged mask of man
 The basic virtues that existed when the
 world began?
 We can all have faith, my friends, and
 better see
 The value of both hope and charity
 If we remember God who reigns above
 And said through Paul, "The best of . .
 these . . . is love."

CHALLENGE

By Charles L. Welling

Life is a challenge to all on earth
 To prove what each of us are worth—
 A challenge to choose the Master's plan
 Or to govern our lives by the ways of man.
 A challenge to cherish the right ideals,
 A chance to know how goodness feels
 When by example, the ones who shirk,
 Are re-activated in the gospel work.
 We should get in mind what we want to do,
 Take work for lumber and faith for glue —
 Act as a friend to the ones in need,
 Then look ahead for other deeds.
 Life brings a challenge with each new day,
 We answer by all that we do and say —
 Our score will appear whether good or fair,
 When we meet our Maker — and answer
 there.